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The Parking Commission Turns the Trees

At this season of the year the trees of Washington are at their best. They are always more beautiful in the early days of July, when the first blush of tender green has left them, and a richer, darker color takes its place, before the scorching sun of late July and August has shriveled and dulled the green. Now they are in their prime, and the 200 miles of greenery stretch out in almost uninterrupted lines of green beauty.

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Caterpillars, those pests of the tree world, put in an appearance about this time every year and commence the work of robbing the trees of their leaves. No remedy has as yet been discovered for this plague, though every one is sure that if his were only tried it would be successful. One remedy was tried a dozen years ago—the English sparrow. He is with us yet and it is impossible to exterminate him. Few are the caterpillars that he makes away with and we are yet to see a single one destroyed by the little bird.

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